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October 21*st.*

MR. ORD, President, in the Chair.

Letters were read—

From the Rev. M. A. De Wolf Howe, Secretary of the House of Clerical and Lay Deputies of the General Convention of the Protestant Episcopal Church, dated October 1856, acknowledging the receipt of an invitation to visit the Museum of the Academy.

From George French Angus, Secretary of the Trustees of the Australian Museum, dated Sydney, New South Wales, May 1st, 1856, offering exchanges. Referred to the Curators with power to act.

From the Hon. W. L. Marcy, Secretary of State, dated Washington, October 1st, 1856, transmitting a collection of Books for the Academy, sent to the Department of State by Charles Huffnagle, Esq., Consul-General of the United States at Calcutta.

From Joseph Barnard Davis, dated Shelton, Staffordshire, October 3d, 1856, acknowledging his election as Correspondent.

The following papers were presented :—

"Descriptions of new species of Birds in the National Museum, Washington, and in the Museum of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, by John Cassin;" referred to a Committee consisting of Drs. Leidy, Bridges, and Wilson.

"Notes on the Reptiles in the collection of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, by Edward Hallowell, M. D." "Notice of a collection of Reptiles from Kansas and Nebraska, presented to the Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia, by Dr. Hammond, U. S. A., by Edward Hallowell, M. D." Both referred to a Committee consisting of Messrs. Cassin, Le Conte, and Vaux.

"Notices of Remains of extinct Vertebrated Animals, discoverd by Prof. E. Emmons, by Joseph Leidy, M. D." "Notices of some remains of Fishes, discovered by Dr. Jno. E. Evans, by Joseph Leidy, M. D." Both referred to a Committee consisting of Dr. Bridges, Mr. Lea and Dr. Le Conte.

October 28*th.*

DR. BRIDGES, Vice President, in the Chair.

The Comittee on Dr. Le Conte's paper, read 14th inst., reported in favor of publication in the Journal of the Academy.

The Committees on Drs. Girard's and Leidy's papers, read 14th inst.; on Mr. Cassin's, and Drs. Hallowell's and Leidy's papers, read 21st inst., severally reported in favor of publication in the Proceedings of the Academy.